



Sully Spotlight

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Events of Interest for the Month

- ❄ **Mon., Jan. 1**—New Year's Day
- ❄ **Mon., Jan. 15**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ❄ **Thurs., Jan. 18 @ 7p.m.**—Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax

PFC Steven Kitzerow Awarded Officer of the Quarter



L to R: PFC Steve Kitzerow, John Werderman—CAC Co-Chairman and Lt. Cindy McAlister, Sully District Assistant Commander

PFC Steve Kitzerow was honored December 20 as the Citizens' Advisory Committee's Officer of the Quarter. PFC Kitzerow was nominated by his supervisor for his team work and leadership within his evening squad. PFC Kitzerow is a field training officer, responsible for training new officers out of the academy.

PFC Kitzerow works predominately in the Centreville area around the Lee Highway corridor. He has become familiar with people living in that area through contacts he has made with them and cases he has worked. His knowledge of the community and its residents aided detectives in solving a homicide that occurred off Saint Germain Drive in the Fall of 2006.

PFC Kitzerow has a strong background in both traffic enforcement and criminal enforcement. He uses that knowledge to assist newer officers in learning their job. He came over from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and has used his prior experience from the jail in his day-to-day patrol.

We congratulate PFC Kitzerow for his award and accomplishments!

Santa's Ride 2006 a Huge Success!



Santa's Ride 2006 was a huge success. Once again, as Santa and his helpers entered the Sully District Station, they were in awe of the tremendous outpour of donations from the community. We were able to surpass the donations of last year and unofficially, Sully had more gifts donated than any other drop off point in all of Fairfax County. The toys were distributed on December 14 at Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center and on December 15 at Inova Fairfax Hospital's Children's Ward.

It is your support each year that helps Santa and his helpers to deliver smiles to many sick children. Without your support, those smiles would never be. We thank you for your unending support to our station and we wish you all a very safe and happy New Year!

Mail Theft and False Change of Address



The U.S. Postal Service handles 668 million pieces of mail every day. The majority of it arrives intact, but thieves get to some of it before delivery. Thieves steal mail from postal trucks, collection boxes, apartment mailbox panels, co-op mailing racks and neighborhood delivery mailboxes. It is the U.S. Postal Inspectors Office who investigates mail thefts. They are one of the country's oldest federal law enforcement agencies, founded in 1737.

Thieves often target mail, as it may contain cash, checks that can be converted to cash and credit cards. How can you protect yourself?

- ❄ Many organizations offer people choices about how their personal information is used. Some offer an “opt-out” choice that limits the information shared with others or used for promotional purposes. When you “opt-out,” you may cut down on the number of unsolicited telemarketing calls, promotional mail and spam emails that you receive.
- ❄ Pre-Screened Credit Offers; if you receive pre-screened credit card offers in the mail, don't just tear them up after you decide you don't want to accept the offer. Identity thieves could retrieve the offers for their own use without your knowledge. Take the time to shred each piece using a cross-cut or micro-cut shredder. To opt-out of receiving prescreened credit card offers, call 1-888-5-OPTOUT. The three major credit bureaus use the same toll-free number.
- ❄ In addition, you can notify the three major credit bureaus that you do not want your personal information shared for promotional purposes. **Equifax, Inc. Options**, P.O. Box 740123 Atlanta, GA 30374-0123; **Experian Consumer OPT-OUT**, 701 Experian Parkway Allen, TX 75013; and **TransUnion Marketing List OPT OUT**, P.O. Box 97328 Jackson, MS 39288-7328.
- ❄ Direct Marketers; The Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail and Telephone Preference Services allow you to opt out of receiving direct mail marketing and telemarketing calls from many national companies for five years. Direct Marketing Association Mail Preference Service P.O. Box 643 Carmel, NY 10512 or go online at www.the-dma.org/consumers/offmailinglist.html. For email go to www.dmaconsumers.org/offemallist.html.

Remember, if you think you're a victim of fraud, your first three steps should be the following:

1. Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus.
2. Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
3. File a police report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

For more information go to Federal Trade Commission; www.consumer.gov/idtheft

<https://www.usps.com/postalinspectors/mailthft/default.htm>

Source: Federal Trade Commission, compiled by MPO Vincent DarConte

Winter Driving, Are you Ready?

Winter is the most difficult driving season. Not only do you have snow and ice to deal with, but there are fewer hours of daylight as well.



- * Before winter weather arrives, make sure your vehicle is in good condition, especially the tires.
- * Make sure you've got good snow tires and put them on early. Try not to get caught without them in the first snowfall. Never combine radial and non-radial tires on the same vehicle. On front-wheel drive cars, it's best to put snow tires or "all season" tires on all four wheels, not just the front.
- * If you must drive, clear the ice and snow from your vehicle, all windows and windshield wipers. Be sure the windshield washer reservoir is adequately filled with a freeze resistant cleaning solution.
- * Plan your route.
 - * Be familiar with maps/directions to avoid confusion
 - * Check the weather reports and adjust your starting time
 - * Let others know how you are coming and when you will arrive.
- * Always fill the gas tank before entering open country, even for a short distance, and stop to fill up long before the tank begins to run low. Keeping the gas tank as full as possible will minimize condensation, providing the maximum advantage in case of trouble.
- * A cell phone can be very useful to you or another stranded motorist in case of an emergency. Remember, pull off the road to talk on the cell phone.

Drive slowly. Even if your vehicle has good traction in ice and snow, other drivers will be traveling cautiously. Don't disrupt the flow of traffic by driving faster than everyone else. Remember how far it takes to bring your car to a stop on dry pavement? In winter conditions, allow at least three times that distance to reach a full stop and avoid skidding. This means your safe distance behind the car in front of you should be at least three times as far. You must begin braking three times as far away from the stoplight or corner where you turn. In a rear-wheel drive vehicle, you can usually feel a loss of traction at the beginning of a skid. There may be no such warning in a front-wheel drive, however. Front-wheel drives *do* handle better in ice and snow, but they *do not* have flawless traction, and skids can occur unexpectedly. Don't let the better feel and handling of a front-wheel drive car cause you to drive faster than you should.

To avoid skids, brake carefully and gently on snow and ice. "Squeeze" your brakes in slow, steady strokes. If your vehicle has anti-lock brakes *do not* pump the brakes, apply a steady pressure. Allow the wheels to keep rolling. If they start to lock up, ease off the brake pedal. As you slow down, you may also want to shift into a lower gear.

When sleet, freezing rain or snow starts to fall, remember that bridges, ramps and overpasses are likely to freeze first. Also, be aware that slippery spots may still remain after road crews have cleared highways.

National Mentoring Month, 2007

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During National Mentoring Month, we honor the caring individuals across our Nation who are committed to helping the next generation of Americans reach their full potential.

Mentors help teach important skills that are necessary for a healthy, successful life and help shape the character of our young people. They instill compassion and responsibility in our children and help motivate them to do their best in school. By providing leadership and guidance, mentors can inspire young people to set high goals and help them achieve a bright future.

My Administration is committed to helping the next generation realize the promise of our Nation. Through the USA Freedom Corps, we are providing opportunities for mentors to connect with children in schools, after-school programs, and community groups. The Helping America's Youth initiative, led by First Lady Laura Bush, raises awareness about the challenges facing our youth and encourages adults to connect with youth in three key areas: family, school, and community. The initiative also supports community partnerships that develop opportunities for mentoring and positive youth development.

I appreciate the contributions of all those who serve as mentors, and I encourage all Americans to get involved in mentoring programs. To learn about mentoring opportunities, citizens can visit the USA Freedom Corps website at www.volunteer.gov. By joining teachers, coaches, religious leaders, relatives, and other mentors, individuals can use their talents and experiences to enrich the lives of young people and demonstrate the compassionate spirit of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 2007 as National Mentoring Month. I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH



Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates:	Thursday, January 11, 2007	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, January 16, 2007	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Thursday, January 25, 2007	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, January 30, 2007	5 p.m.—9 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. ***The last car seat inspection will be taken 30 minutes prior to the completion of the night.*** For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

CAC CORNER



The January Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held in conjunction with the other county stations' CACs on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7p.m. at the Fairfax County Courthouse for a special presentation of "The Other Side of the Courtroom". Lt Ron Novak, McLean Station Assistant Commander, has arranged an evening for a General District Court Judge to address the combined CACs and provide a unique opportunity to learn, and ask questions, about what goes on from *behind the bench* when the accused is standing there before the Judge with his or her lawyer. The Courthouse is located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

Due to security reasons, pre-registration is required for this event. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Dan Linder (danlinder4@hotmail.com), Sully CAC Chair, no later than January 12.

A Special Thank You for the Holiday Meals and Treats

The officers of the Sully District Police Station would like to extend their appreciation to the members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for providing breakfast, lunch and dinner for the officers working on Christmas. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the citizens who dropped off food throughout the holiday season for the officers. Because of the demands of police work, many times officers do not get a chance to sit down to a lunch or dinner like most people. Having the convenience of grabbing something to eat as they walk out the door means a lot to the officers. Thank you for your generosity and support not only at the holidays, but every day of the year. Happy New Year!

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File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.
gov/ps/police/
homepage.htm

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)
[gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)
[report.htm.](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime
Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime
Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat
Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)
703-464-4756

Traffic Trivia



Code of Virginia § 46.2-924. Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty.

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such highway:

1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;
3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device.

No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

C. The governing body of any county having the urban county executive form of government, any county having the county manager plan of government, the City of Fairfax, the County of Loudoun and any town therein, and any city with a population between 110,000 and 115,000, may by ordinance provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically requiring operators of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway. Any operator of a motor vehicle who fails at such locations to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians as required by such signs shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no less than \$100 or more than \$500. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall develop criteria for the design, location, and installation of such signs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any limited access highway.

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